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FOR: A VERTICAL-CAVITY SURFACE EMITTING LASER DIODE AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD

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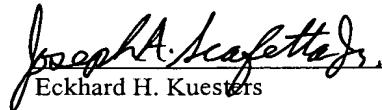
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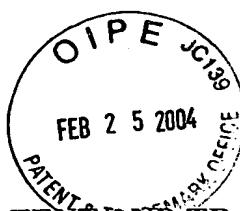
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MANUFACTURING METHOD**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY****Reference AA (US 5,493,577) on Form PTO-1449:**

This discloses to semiconductor light-emitting devices having a resonant cavity structure in a direction normal to the plane of an active region, and method for fabrication thereof. The device is provided with at least one control layer or control region which includes an annular oxidized portion with asymmetric shape to channel an injection current to the active region, and to provide a lateral refractive index profiles and a preferred direction of polarization for the light generated within the devices.

Reference AO (JP 11-112084) on Form PTO-1449:

This relates to a method for fabricating selectively oxidized vertical cavity surface lasers (VCSEL) devices. The shape and size of the oxide-aperture for current confinement can be controlled by forming the lateral oxidation stop layer pattern.

Reference AP (JP 9-266350) on Form PTO-1449:

This relates to a method for fabricating selectively oxidized vertical cavity surface lasers (VCSEL) devices. The lateral oxidation extent can be controlled by forming the film pattern with a suitable stress on the surface of mesa-structure in the devices.

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228850US2 SRD	6,678,307	01/13/04	EZAKI et al.
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